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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Examiner: Blessing M. Fubara

Dorrie M. Happ

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Art Unit: 1615

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Title: "A Medical Device Containing Light-Protected Therapeutic Agent And a Method For Fabricating Thereof"

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner Fubara:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed on September 16, 2002, that had a shortened statutory period for reply that ended on December 16, 2002. The enclosed petition requests a one month extension of time, extending the period to respond to January 16, 2003.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims. The attached enclosure is captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made."

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IN THE CLAIMS

Claims have been amended as indicated below.

Please cancel Claims 1, 12 and 13 without prejudice.

2. (Amended) The coating as claimed in Claim ~~5~~, wherein the medical device is a stent.

3. (Amended) The coating as claimed in Claim ~~5~~, wherein the drug is a light-sensitive drug or a UV-radiation sensitive drug.